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LAX CHINESE DISCIPLINE.

"It is a curious fact that although Chinese possess the virtue of filial piety to a remarkable degree, they are ignorant of discipline," said Dr. Luther Anderson, Peking correspondent of the Daily News, in Chicago, recently. "There is no language or literature in which obedience to elders and superiors has been more extolled than in the Chinese, and yet prompt, unquestioning and unqualified obedience, such as is needed in an army or any highly organized body, is almost unknown in China. Chinese children have to be frightened by their parents before they will obey. 'Come indoors now, children; it is getting late. There is an ugly old man (lao tu-er) over there in the shadows. He will eat you!' The children obey because they fear the old man of the shadows more than their parents. I have frequently seen Chinese parents unable to make their children obey without frightening them. 'Do not touch the fine clothes of the honorable foreigner. Your fingers are too dirty. Go away from him. There is a big black snake behind his chair.'

"Any one who has had anything to do with Chinese servants or laborers knows what loose ideas they have of obedience. If they are told to do a thing today they will do it tomorrow or next week. They will seldom do all they are told to do. They seem to think that if they do one-half or three-fourths of it no one has just cause for complaint. When Yuan Shi Kai introduced into the Chinese army the strict discipline of the west, there was at first much opposition, but that was soon ended by a few judicious executions.

"When the soldiers once got the idea they did not object to discipline. They saw that it made for efficiency and produced results. Yuan also succeeded in developing a remarkable esprit du corps in the Chinese army. The soldiers of old China had no pride in their profession. On the contrary, they were ashamed of being soldiers. Yuan taught his men to take a pride in their profession. They boasted, 'We are the soldiers of Yuan Shi Kai's new army.'

WAR WAS NARROWLY AVERTED.

Lord Grey's cautious statements regarding the Moroccan difficulty must be read between the lines to be understood. It indicates not only that the relations between Great Britain and Germany are still strained, but that the tension at one time was so great as to threaten war. In denying that the government had filed to take proper measure for defense in the event of hostilities the British foreign minister revealed the fact that full preparations had been made for active operations on sea and land. This is more than the public suspected.

It has been stated without authoritative denial that definite plans had been made to mobilize the English fleet in the Channel and in the North Sea and to throw 150,000 land troops—practically the whole of Britain's effective regular force, into France to aid in repelling a German invasion. The English coasts were to be protected by driving the inferior sea armament of Germany into the German ports, which were to be blockaded. It was assumed that England's overwhelming superiority on sea would compel the German fleet to seek cover and remain in the estuaries of the Weser, the Elbe and the Oder.

This plan, if successfully carried out, would leave communication between France and England and her colonies undisturbed, and would have compelled Germany to conduct an exclusively land campaign against France. Germany's ports would have been closed and her marine commerce swept from the seas. On land France would have had the support of the full English military strength.

This is the plan outlined in a public speech by a member of the British parliament. It has not been denied by the British war office, and it is given color by the statement of Lord Grey. He plainly intimates that Great Britain was prepared for war and would have supported France to the last extremity. Evidently there would have been war had not a way been provided to let Germany down easy.

The person accused of murdering a diamond salesman in a brutal fashion has burst into verse. It is a bad sign, but it should not be used against him.

It is said that hoop skirts are more healthful than hobble skirts. As they are just as hard to move about in, they will probably be adopted again.

CHECKING POSSIBILITIES.

Kansas City, Missouri, has inaugurated the custom of checking babies before entering churches. A comfortable nursery is attached to the Independence Avenue Christian church, where parents may leave their offspring and listen to the sermon undisturbed. This innovation is unimportant in itself, but it opens up endless possibilities.

If babies can be checked, why not husbands and wives? There are cases where the checking custom, if it were made to include adults, would be superlatively humane. Those who have seen bashful and weary husbands trailing behind strenuous wives in department stores will realize this. Some day a department store will introduce the custom of checking husbands at a comfortable room on the lower floor where there are installed a bar, reading rooms and other conveniences. This store may not make a particularly emphatic hit with the ladies, but the proprietor will be regarded as a benefactor of his sex. If women can be persuaded to check their babies, they will soon get used to the idea of leaving their husbands in safe keeping while they go shopping.

The checking of wives is another custom that should find instant favor. The tired business man who prefers a certain type of play will not be forced to make his wife sit through it with him. The time will come when he will be able to check her at the door and to leave her in a comfortable room where she may indulge in some intellectual pastime with members of her own sex. There are many places where men would like to check their wives before entering, and, on the other hand, there are many places where wives would like to check their husbands as they go in. Kansas City has shown the possibilities of the checking plan, and it will not be long before it will be improved upon.

PROSPECTIVE FALL OF AN ANCIENT CITY.

Nanking appears doomed to fall into the hands of the Chinese rebels, and with its occupation the prospects of even nominal sovereignty for the Manchu dynasty may be regarded as negligible. Nanking was the ancient capital of China and has been a great city for more than 2000 years. Long before the Christian era dawned it was one of the great towns of the world. It has been destroyed and rebuilt many times. Its most recent ordeal of fire befell the city in the Taiping rebellion of 1853, when it was almost completely destroyed.

But great cities favorably located usually rebuild, and Nanking, restored on the old site, became the greatest manufacturing center of China. It is now the place of manufacture for the munitions of war and the storehouse of material for the Chinese government. It is the last stronghold of the imperial forces and, of course, its possession by the rebels would put them in command of the sources of war supplies.

Nanking has a population of some 500,000 people. Its great arsenal and gun factories are superintended by European experts. It is a fortified town, to be sure, but the fortifications lie under the guns of the rebel fleet and some of them have already been captured. The city is in a bend of the deep and easily navigable Yangtze river. Now, if the city should fall the question is, Will the rebel commanders be able to hold their forces in hand and prevent one of those indiscriminate massacres that have commonly attended Chinese civil war?—San Francisco Call.

William J. Bryan says the Democrats cannot get the support of Wall street on any terms, and adds that they must get the support of the Republican progressives to win. His statement is an acknowledgment that the Democrats are not strong enough to elect a president themselves and must depend upon Republican assistance to win the election. This is equivalent to saying that the Republicans only have to stick together to retain control of the government. The admission is significant. It explains the eagerness of the Democrats to forment dissension in the Republican ranks.

Now that Henry C. Beattie has been electrocuted and buried let us hope that the press will drop all mention of him and Beulah Binford. A vulgar amour prompted a brutal murder, and the prominence given the case was out of all proportion to its importance and news value. Prurient interest was aroused in the minds of millions by a publicity which dragged in all the salacious details of a nasty intrigue. But it is all over now and there is no further excuse for keeping the Beattie case in the public eye. Let us turn to the contemplation of things more profitable and pleasant.

A queer angle to the political situation has been revealed by Theodore Roosevelt's attack on President Taft's enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law. Colonel Roosevelt not only stands up for the steel trust, but he sharply criticizes both the letter and purpose of the Sherman law. Wall street appears to have found a new Moses and to have taken fresh heart. However, it is an old saying that politics makes strange bed-fellows.

The president of the United States must be a man of the greatest versatility. The wide variety of questions submitted to him for decision is demonstrated in the case of the mongoose of the Kansas City Zoo. The mongoose is an illegal and destructive monopoly, and unless Mr. Taft intervenes, being satisfied that it is securely caged, it must be destroyed. If only Mr. Taft could dispense so easily of the political mongoose abundant in the middle west.

While we believe that a reasonable latitude should be given the slaves of the rhyming dictionary, we suggest that all parodies on "The Female of the Species" be barred after December 31, 1911.

Ex-President Diaz probably contemplates the turn of events in Mexico with feelings that are at least mingled.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Nye.

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure issued out of the Fifth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Nye, said order being dated November 4th, 1911, in an action wherein A. S. DINGEE, as Trustee, who is the owner and holder of the first mortgage gold bonds of the Homestake King Consolidated Bullfrog Mining and Milling Company, a corporation, is plaintiff, and the Homestake King Consolidated Bullfrog Mining and Milling Company, a corporation, is defendant, wherein the above-named plaintiff obtained a judgment and decree on the 31st day of January, 1910, against the said Homestake King Consolidated Bullfrog Mining and Milling Company, a corporation, I am commanded to sell all and singular the real and personal property herein-after described.

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of December, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m. of that day, in front of the Court House in the Town of Tonopah, County of Nye, State of Nevada, I will, in obedience to said Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell all and singular those certain lots, pieces and parcels of land, together with all the improvements thereon, situate in the Bullfrog Mining District, County of Nye, State of Nevada, and more particularly described as follows:

Homestake, Homestake No. 1, Homestake No. 2, lode mining claims, under patent of the United States to defendant, General Land Office No. 47364, Mineral Certificate No. 1286, and being the lode mining claims designated by the Surveyor for the District of Nevada as Survey No. 2570; also the Carnation Fraction, Carnation No. 2, Carnation, Carnation No. 2, Walk-Over, Last Chance, Walk-Over Fraction, Short End Fraction, Walk-Over No. 2, lode mining claims, for which application for U. S. patent has heretofore been made by defendant in the United States Land Office, Carson City, Nevada, Mineral Application Serial No. 0329, and being the lode mining claims designated by the United States Surveyor General as Survey No. 3188; also the Fort Bragg lode mining claim, more particularly described in a deed to defendant, dated December 24th, 1907, and recorded October 26th, 1907, in Book 17, Page 140 of Deeds, Records of Nye County, Nevada; also all buildings, works, reduction plants, all mills, mining machinery, mill machinery, tools, fixtures and apparatus of all kinds, particularly the mill and reduction plant, commonly known and designated as the Homestake Mill, situate upon said premises and mining claims above described, together with all water mains and water rights belonging to the defendant company, appurtenant to and used in connection with the property hereinabove described; together with all other real estate and personal property of the defendant.

Said property and premises and the whole thereof together with all equity of redemption will be sold to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the said judgment with interest thereon and costs.

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ED. MALLEY, Sheriff.
By W. J. WILSON, Deputy.
11-16, 23, 30—12-7

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